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EXTENSION OF THE SECOND REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE ARAB STATES

Note by the Administrator

1. The second regional programme for the Arab States was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) for the period January 1988 to December 1992. Although the mid-term review of the programme held in Damascus in October 1990 confirmed the validity of the objectives of the programme (food security, technology transfer and human resources development), it also highlighted emerging needs for which United Nations Development Programme support would be required (energy, trade, environment, economic integration).

2. In order to reflect fully these needs and recent developments in the Arab region and design a funding strategy that will compensate for the considerable reduction of the fifth cycle regional indicative planning figure (IPF) resources, the Administrator wishes to inform the Council that he has approved an extension of the second regional programme for one year, beginning 1 January 1993.

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